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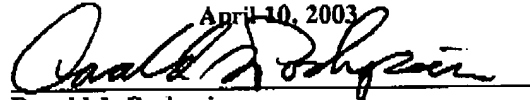
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REQUEST FOR A CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

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Sir:

On today' date, the Applicants cofiled by first class mail with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office a "Second Preliminary Amendment and Response to a Restriction Requirement Under 35 U.S.C. § 121." In the Amendment portion, the Applicants respectfully requested that the Examiner make the following amendments to the Title and to the specification, regarding the claim of priority:

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Please delete the title and substitute therefor the following:

— Intervertebral Spacers —